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receiving the full amount, or more, on the administrative level . . . I don't think it's addressing those people who the bill is really trying to get at, that is the lower income group on the state pay level.

The second part of the amendment is to strike the one percent merit pay. There's been much discussion here about the merit pay. The merits of the merit pay. The demerits of the merit pay. I think that those people who are working for the state, again, the community colleges, the University of Nebraska, and the state colleges, are entitled to know what they will have coming. I think that is you would vote with me to strike that inequitable part of the \$468 being proportioned, and would strike the one percent, then those people would in turn know exactly what they will be receiving.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I would support the first half of the amendment, and oppose the second half. So with that in mind I ask for a division of the question. I feel that there is merit in the first half of Senator Mills proposed amendment. There is no point in having the bill at all unless we allow the one percent for merit to be left in, because we already have the other in the Governor's proposal.

PRESIDENT: Well the motion is to return for specific amendment. Senator Marsh, I must apologize. It would seem to the Chair at this point that that may be out of order because the only thing before the House is to return. It may be in order at the time the proposition is moved by Senator Mills. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I believe the decision has to be made now, because if it's returned for specific amendment that specific amendment includes both. I am saying that I would not support a return, however, I would support the return if the question is divided. So really I understand it's up to the introducer at this time. Senator Mills will have to make the decision on whether he chooses to divide his amendments into two amendments. Then he would have to bring them back for separate amendments, in that case. I would support his move to bring it back, if that is the case, for one-half of his amendment. I can support half, the other I cannot.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills there's been a suggestion that you split the amendment.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to have this brought back, debated by the body. Reluctantly I would split it in order to debate it.